RAO Newsletter - #2018-8 TRICARE Beneficiaries Future Options for Vision and Dental Coverage

Get ready! Retired Uniformed Service Members TRDP is ending – FEDVIP Will Be Available But You Must Enroll!

As you've probably already heard, on December 31, 2018 the Defense Health Agency's TRICARE Retiree Dental Program (TRDP) will end. Don't worry! You can enroll in dental coverage for next year under the Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program (FEDVIP). Retired uniformed service members and their families who were eligible for TRDP will be eligible for FEDVIP dental coverage, effective January 1, 2019.

You will not be automatically enrolled in a FEDVIP plan for 2019. You must enroll during the Federal Benefits open Season.

Vision coverage is available!

For the first time ever, vision coverage is available to you and your family members! Retired uniformed service members and their families who were eligible for TRDP, and who are enrolled in a TRICARE health plan, will be eligible for FEDVIP vision coverage. **Coverage is effective January 1, 2019, if you enroll during the Federal Benefits Open Season.**

How to prepare:

Check eligibility

Determine who's eligible.

Research 2018 plans*
Compare current 2018 plans and rates.

Sign up for updates

Receive alerts on key dates.

*This information is for reference only. Plan details and premium rates for the 2019 plan year will be available in October 2018.

Don't miss your opportunity to enroll!

You don't need to take action yet. However, if you'd like dental and/or vision coverage next year, effective January 1, 2019, you must enroll during the next Federal Benefits Open Season:

November 12-December 10, 2018 (ET)

Premium payment: Once you enroll in FEDVIP, we'll automatically set up an allotment with your pay provider to pay your premiums post-tax. In the event that you do not have enough available funds or allotments to cover the cost, we'll default your payment method to a recurring electronic funds transfer (EFT), which we refer to as an automatic bank withdrawal (ABW).

Key dates

Don't forget! The TRICARE Retiree Dental Program (TRDP) ends on December 31, 2018. You must enroll during the Federal Benefits Open Season for FEDVIP dental and/or vision coverage in 2019.

Oct. 2018: 2019 FEDVIP plan rates are available

Nov. 12—Dec. 10, 2018 (ET): Federal Benefits Open Season

Jan. 1, 2019: 2019 FEDVIP plan year begins

